

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** Manna Church West Florida is taking a *Road Trip* this Summer! Join us as we hear from pastors and leaders from around the nation who have a vested interest in what God is doing both in and through Manna Church. They're bringing a fresh message from God's Word to speak to our hearts and encourage our journey. Don't miss a week - it's going to be a great summer!

*James 1:19-27*

Christianity is a RESPONSE to the love of God not a RECIPE for it.

WHO you are is more important than WHERE or WHAT you are.

**1. Be quick to LISTEN but slow to SPEAK and slow to ANGER.**

*James 1:26*

If the way we talk to or about OTHERS does not match how we talk about our faith in GOD, we need to ask ourselves if our faith is really in GOD.

PATIENCE produces the righteousness of God.

**2. Be READY and WILLING to be changed by the WORD of God.**

*James 1:18; 21*

**3. Be a DOER of God's WORD.**

*James 1:22; 23-24*

**4. Be FREE and BLESSED by being someone who seeks to live God's Word.**

*James 1:25, 27*

**What we can do now to experience God's blessing (application):**

1. Share your FAITH with those who haven't LISTENED.
2. SERVE those who can't SERVE you back.
3. Say YES to the next RIGHT thing.

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Read James 1:19-20. How might following the three steps that James laid out put us in a better position to receive truth from God?
- 3) Why is listening to the Word necessary for your spiritual growth? When has slowing down and listening to the Scriptures led to spiritual vibrancy in your life?
- 4) Read James 1:22-25. James 1:22 is the central point of the Book of James. Even though this verse is direct and self-explanatory, how would you rephrase it yourself? *(God's Word is not meant for us to read it and then do nothing about it. Another way to say James 1:22 might be that when we receive God's Word, we respond to God's Word. The Bible is a living and active book that is able to speak to our lives at any moment. It is not a dated or irrelevant message, but one that is sharp today and for all eternity. However, for it to impact our lives, we must spend time in it.)* God's Word always requires a response. How did James illustrate this point for us? Why should we never walk away from time in God's Word without finding at least one way to apply it to our lives?
- 5) Read James 1:26-27. You could summarize James's point here by saying that we are called to pure speech, loving care, and holy living. When we embrace these traits, how do we become a reflection of Him?
- 6) Pastor James Ross gave us three application points: (1) Share your FAITH with those who haven't LISTENED. (2) SERVE those who can't SERVE you back. (3) Say YES to the next RIGHT thing. Which of these three is the Holy Spirit impressing on your heart to focus on the most this upcoming week?